

Hon. John Sherman,

Oct. 13, 1870.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to request a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of \$5,528.<sup>64</sup>, being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge at Boise City for coinage as shown by memorandums Nos. 3353 & 3354, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Geo. Crawford, Esq.,

Oct. 13, 1870.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Coiner of your Mint, in which that officer complains of defective engraving on 39 reverse standard dollar dies rendering them unfit for use, I have to state that these dies were struck from a hub early in the calendar year 1878. This hub was prepared under great pressure, and was known to be imperfect, but as it was considered to be desirable that the mints should commence the coinage of standard dollars with as little delay as possible, dies from it were sent you, together with a letter of instructions stating substantially the difficulties that you would encounter in their use, on April 8, 1878.

You will therefore make no attempt to employ any of the dies referred to, but destroy them at the appointed time and report the fact to this office.

I enclose you two dollars, the equivalent of the



defective coins sent by you to illustrate the dies.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York,

Oct. 13, 1880.

Sir:-